

**James Madison to James Monroe, September 11,
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TO JAMES MONROE. MAD. MSS.

Annapolis, Sept 11, 1786

Dear Sir, —I have two letters from you not yet acknowledged, one of the 1st. the other of the 3d. inst: nothing could be more distressing than the issue of the business stated in the latter.¹ If the affirmative vote of 7 States sd. be pursued it will add the insult of trick to the injury of the thing itself. Our prospect here makes no amends for what is done with you. Delaware N. J. & Va. alone are on the ground, two Commissrs attend from N. Y. & one from Pa. Unless the sudden attendance of a much more respectable number takes place it is proposed to break up the Meeting, with a recommendation of another time & place, & an *intimation* of the expediency of extending the plan to other defects of the Confederation. In case of a speedy dispersion I shall find it requisite to ride back as far as Philada. before I proceed to Virga. from which place, if not from this, I will let you know the upshot here. I have heard that Col. Grayson was stopped at Trenton by indisposition on his way to the Assembly of Pena. I hope he is well again, & wd write to him but know not whither to address a letter to him.²]

¹ The instructions to Jay on the subject of the Mississippi negotiations having been in part repealed, the plan of the friends of the free navigation to order the transfer of negotiations to Madrid was blocked by a newly-adopted rule of Congress "that we shall not move in form or substance any proposition which has been set aside by the previous question,

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unless the same number of States are present.”—Monroe to Madison, *Writings of Monroe, i.*, 159, 160.

2 The following bill is of interest as showing what Madison's expenses were while he was attending the Annapolis convention:

“ Colonel Madison's Bill 1786

“Septr. 5 Lodging & Breakfast 3/9 Dinner 3/9 £ 0. 7. 0 wine 3/9 punch 2/6 porter 2/6 0. 8. 9 punch 1/servt. Board 12/ 0. 13. 0 6 Lodging & Breakfast 3/9 wine 2/6 0. 6. 3 porter 2/6 Dinner 3/9. Servt. Grog 1/ 0. 7. 3 Board for Servt 6/ 0. 6. 0 “Septr. 7 Lodging and Breakfast 3/9 Tea 1/10 £ 0. 5. 7 Servt. Board 6/ 0. 6. 0 8 Lodging and Breakfast 3/9 Servt. Board 6/ “ 9. 9 9 Lodging and Breakfast 3/9 Punch # 0. 5. 0 Dinner and Club 8/9 Tea 1/10 Servt. Board 6/ “ 16. 7 10 Lodging and Breakfast 3/9 Tea 1/10 Servt. board 6/ “ 11. 7 11 Lodging & Breakfast 3/9 Dinner 3/9 Club 5/ “ 12. 6 Tea 1/10 Servt. Board 6/ “ 7. 10 12 Lodging & Breakfast 3/9 Dinner & Club 8/9 “ 12. 6 Tea 1/10 Servt Board 6/ “ 7. 10 13 Lodging & Breakfast 3/9 Servt. Board 6/ “ 9. 9 Stabling & hay 45/ Oats 56 Gallons @ 10d 46/8/ 4. 11. 8 Omitted the 4th Punch 2/6 Supper 3/ servt do. 2/ “ 7. 6 Hay and Oats 6/8 “ 6. 8 14 Lodging & Breakfast 3/9 Dinner & Club 10/9 0. 14. 6 Servts Board 6/ Hay & Oats 11. 8 0. 11. 8 £14. 5. 8 15 Lodging 1/ Servt. 6/ 1. 6 £14. 7. 2

Contents Received in full Geo Mann.” *Mad. MSS.*

Adieu. Yrs affy.